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COIN WORLD

Annunzio offers '84 NCW bill

A bill designating April 15-21 as National Coin Week in the United States was introduced Feb. 9 by Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill. Annunzio, chairman of the the House Banking Committee's Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage, was responsible for securing a national proclamation in 1983.

"This year's theme, 'Numismatics: A Foundation for Friendship,' highlights the joys of being a coin collector. As coins are a thing of value, so are friendships. And many friendships are created over discussing and comparing coin collections," Annunzio said. "Numismatics promotes friendship and understanding among all people. It is a privilege to be introducing this legislation to honor numismatics."

Annunzio, who served as honorary co-chairman of last year's NCW, has agreed to serve again in that capacity for the 1984 observance.

The NCW bill, H.J.R. 481, has been referred to the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. A total of 218 co-sponsors will be required before the committee will consider the measure.

An aide to Annunzio said that collector support is the key, once again, to passage of the NCW bill. "We've got to have that before we can go ahead with this bill," he said.

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Interested collectors may request their representatives support the bill by writing legislators at House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Annunzio has sponsored legislation for National Coin Week proclamations each year since 1980. Only for the 1983 NCW was he able to muster enough support from collectors and, consequently, fellow representatives for the bill to eventually become law. It was the first year both Congress and the president officially recognized a coin week celebration in America.